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Restructuring and revitalization of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 50/225 of 19 April 1996 and 53/201 of 15 December 1998 on public administration and development,

Recognizing that public administration in all countries has an important role to play in the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] and stressing the need to improve national public-sector administrative and management capacities, in particular in developing countries and countries with economies in transition,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 50/227 of 24 May 1996 and 52/12 B of 19 December 1997 on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Recalling also its resolutions 1998/46 of 31 July 1998 and 1999/51 of 29 July 1999 on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Reaffirming its decision 2000/231 of 27 July 2000, by which it endorsed the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance at its fifteenth meeting,[2] in particular recommendation 4,

[1] General Assembly resolution 55/2.
[2] See E/2000/66.

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1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General on the five-year assessment of the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/225 on public administration and development[3] and the proposals contained therein;

2. *Adopts* the text contained in the annex to the present resolution;

3. *Decides* to consider, at its resumed substantive session of 2001, the nominations for the membership of the Committee on Public Administration for Development so that the new composition of this body is fully constituted as from 1 January 2002;

4. *Also decides* to bring the present resolution to the attention of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session.

Annex

Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance

1. The Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance shall be renamed the Committee on Public Administration for Development and shall continue to be a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council.

2. The Committee shall comprise twenty-four experts who will serve in their personal capacity. The experts shall be nominated by the Secretary-General, in consultation with interested Governments, and approved by the Economic and Social Council. The membership will be drawn from the interrelated fields of public economics, public administration and public finance and will reflect an adequate geographical and gender balance. The term of office is to be three years.

3. The Committee on Public Administration for Development shall meet annually for a period not exceeding five working days.

4. The Economic and Social Council should provide policy guidance on an appropriate work programme for the Committee on Public Administration for Development. The Committee will submit its report directly to the Council at its substantive session. The report should include the Committee's proposals on its work programme for examination and approval by the Council.

5. The General Assembly, the Secretary-General and the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council can also propose, through the Council, issues for consideration by the Committee on Public Administration for Development.

6. In disseminating information on the Committee's work, the United Nations Online Network in Public Administration and Finance should be fully utilized.

7. In undertaking its responsibilities, the Committee on Public Administration for Development should, in addition to holding its formal meetings, explore the scope for effective preparations for its deliberations. The Secretariat should provide assistance in this regard.

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[3] A/56/127-E/2001/101.